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SUBJECT: SPAIN AND THE COMMON MARKET

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1. DURING A VISIT TO THE SOUTHWEST OF FRANCE, WHICH WAS DEVOTED ESSENTIALLY TO DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, PRIME MINISTER BARRE MADE A PUBLIC STATEMENT ABOUT SPAIN'S EVENTUAL ADHESION TO THE EEC. HE WAS QUOTED BY AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE AS SAYING, "WE KNOW THAT SPAIN WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE COMMON MARKET. WE ASK, AS FAR AS AGRICULTURE IS CONCERNED, THAT ALL TIME DELAYS BE RESPECTED, AND IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE THAT ALL OF THE PREVIOUS OBLIGATIONS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN APPLIED BE FULFILLED. THE SYSTEM OF RELATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY FAVORS THE SPANISH MARKET. WE MUST PREPARE FOR THE ADHESION OF SPAIN TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, AND IT IS NECESSARY THAT THE DIFFERENT REGIONS, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT BORDER ON SPAIN, DEVELOP THEIR COMPETITIVENESS."

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2. BARRE WAS SPEAKING DURING AN ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN THE REGION OF FRANCE MOST HOSTILE TO SPANISH ENTRY INTO THE EC-9. HIS REMARKS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THOSE MADE TO US PRIVATELY RECENTLY BY FOREIGN MINISREANI. THE LATTER SAID THAT THE

EARLIER FRENCH POLICY OF RESISTING SPANISH ADHESION
UNTIL AFTER THE 1978 ELECTIONS IN ORDER TO APPEASE THE
SOUTHWEST FARM VOTE HAS BEEN CHANGED. FRANCE WILL NOW
SUPPORT SPANISH ADHESION IN PUBLIC, BUT AT THE SAME TIME
WILL MAKE A PUBLIC DEMAND THAT SPECIAL PROTECTION BE
PROVIDED FRENCH AGRICULTURE AT LEAST FOR A MINIMUM TIME
PERIOD. ANDREANI SAID THIS CHANGE WAS MADE FOR TWO
REASONS. FIRST, PROGRESS TOWARD MEMBERSHIP IN THE EEC
IS IMPORTANT FOR THE WHOLE PROCESS OF LIBERALIZATION IN
SPAIN. SECONDLY, SPANISH ADHESION LOOKS ADVANTAGEOUS
FOR FRENCH INDUSTRY.

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